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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF

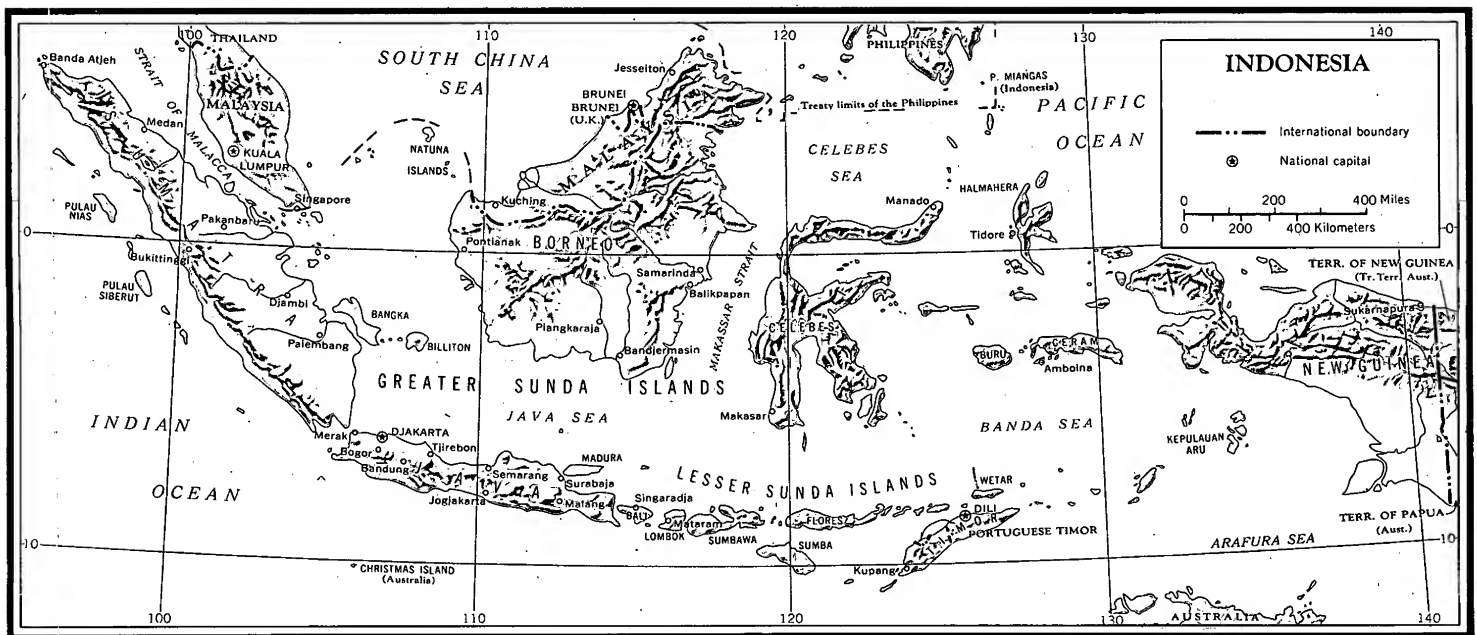


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1. North Vietnam

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There have been no significant new propaganda or official statements from Peiping or Moscow.

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2. Indonesia

Djakarta's military reinforcements in Sumatra--insurance against a possible British retaliation for Indonesian military actions against Malaysia--are increasing. One brigade is now deploying near Medan in the north, and another will begin reaching central Sumatra next week. Reinforcements eventually will total 7-8,000 men. (See map.)

In response to Indonesian Communist demands, Sukarno has also ordered the army commander in Sumatra to arm workers and peasants. This could be a dangerous step toward allowing the Communists to develop a paramilitary capability.

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3. USSR

Soviet naval activity in the western Pacific is returning to normal. Three conventional submarines and a sub-tender which had been operating in the Philippine Sea are now approaching home port. A guided-missile destroyer which was operating south of Japan with two other subs is also nearing home. The latter two submarines will probably terminate their operations soon.

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4. South Vietnam

There has been no new hard information on the swarm of coup reports noted yesterday.

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The security situation continues to deteriorate in some of the northern provinces. In Quang Nam and Quang Tin, US civilian personnel cannot move outside the provincial capitals.

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5. Bolivia

The Barrientos government appears to be heading for serious trouble, but the situation is far from clear.

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The government is aware of this, but has other problems to cope with, including the deteriorating economy and union plans for strikes.

The armed forces hold the key to stability, but their unity and loyalties are uncertain. Both Barrientos and Ovando have strong military support.

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